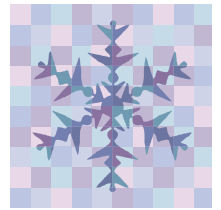




Upcoming Programs at YOUR Local National Wildlife Refuges



Sunday, January 30th at 12pm Cross Country Skiing at the Oxbow NWR! Strap on your skis or snowshoes and get some exercise! Explore the Turnpike Trail and Tank Road to find out what the beavers have been doing, what signs there are of deer, mice, fishers, & coyotes- can you hear the owls hoot? Dress appropriately; bring a snack and water; pre-register by calling Rona Balco at 978.779.2259. Meet at Still River Depot Rd, Harvard, MA parking lot.

Saturday, February 12th at 10:30am Join the Friends of the Oxbow NWR and Susan Fly of Nashua Trackers for an exploration of the signs of wildlife at the Oxbow refuge. Cross country skiers and snowshoers welcome! Program geared towards older children and adults; all are welcome. Pre-register by calling Rona Balco at 978.779.2259

Sunday, February 13th at 2pm "Cast of 1,000" Showing of the movie and local panel discussion about the beginnings of the cleaning up of the Nashua River and the tremendous efforts by Marion Stoddard. Located behind the Bulfinch Church on Main Street in Lancaster. Call Rona at 978.779.2259 to find out more. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Oxbow NWR, Lancaster Friends of the Nashua River, and Lancaster Land Trust.

Wednesday, February 23rd (visitor center open 10am – 4pm)

1:30pm : Showing of Ant Bully. After Lucas Nickle floods an ant colony with his watergun, he's shrunk down to insect size and sentenced to hard labor in the ruins. Popcorn will be provided. Held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA.

Wednesday, February 23rd at 7pm The Environment, Virtue, and You led by Doug Seale. Those who care about other species, the loss of biodiversity, the environment at large, and nature in general often confront the question of their own ethical values. Doug hopes to encourage a discussion of the kind of people we, as environmentalists, should become. Doug is a former Friends Board Member and teaches Environmental Ethics at Framingham State College. The Friends will hold a short meeting prior to Doug's program. Held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA.

Thursday, February 24th 10am – 4pm Birds of a Feather Fest: A Day that really is "For the Birds!" Join us for a day filled with birding activities to explore the wonders of our feathered friends. Programming will be geared towards 9-12 year olds, however all ages are welcome. Programs held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA.

10am – Beginner's family bird walk

11am – Crafts and Facepainting

1pm – Migration headache: Become a migratory bird & experience the challenges it endures each season

1:30pm – Technology in Wildlife Watching – learn about the different "tools" a naturalist uses to watch wildlife

2pm - Showing of *Winged Migration*

Friday, February 25th 10am Slideshow on Vernal Pools – Do you know what a vernal pool is? Do you know who uses them? Learn about the migration of these critters and how YOU can help. Talk led by Rona Balco.

1pm The Year of the Rabbit! Join refuge staff to learn about the New England cottontail rabbit which we are conducting research on at one of our refuges. This program will include a walk looking for signs of the Eastern cottontail rabbit, a craft and a story. Program will be geared towards 5-7 year olds, however all are welcome. Programs held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA.

REMINDER: dogs are not allowed on any of refuges.

Websites:

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternmanwrcomplex>

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